Review of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

381. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any review of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the period during which this review was done; and

(c) the outcome of the review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Centrally sponsored programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has provision for six monthly reviews from January, 2005 onwards.

State Commission for Women in Manipur

382. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manipur has set up a State Commission for women;

(b) whether the National Commission for women has made any recommendation in this regard; and

(c) whether the State has any alternative mechanism for evaluating the socio-economic status of women in the State and addressing the problems of women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Women has made a recommendation to the Government of Manipur to set up a State Commission for Women.

(c) The information is being collected from the Government of Manipur and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Policy on DTH Projects

383. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is thinking of having a long-term policy to regulate broadcasters on DTH ventures;

(b) whether his Ministry has also discussed this issue with TRAI;

(c) the details of the proposals from the private players pending before his Ministry for DTH projects;

(d) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has started its own DTH service in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Of the four applications received so far, M/s. ASC Enterprises Ltd. was granted licence for operation of DTH broadcasting service on 16th September, 2003. The other three applications from M/s. Space TV Ltd., a joint venture with the Tata Sons, Essel Shyam Communications Ltd. and Noida Software Technology Park Ltd. are under process.

(d) and (e) The Ku band transmission project of Doordarshan, envisages distribution of 30 free-to-air channels. *i.e.* 17 Doordarshan channels and 13 channels of private broadcasters. As of now 12 private channels are available for viewing through the Ku band receiver system. The number of channels is likely to go upto 40 soon. Doordarshan would not be charging any subscription fee from the viewers.

Reconstitution of Press Council of India

384. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconstitute the Press Council of India and the Central Press Accreditation Committee and also amending the Working Journalist Act to include the electronic media; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Press Council of India and the Central Press Accreditation Committee have been reconstituted with effect from 12th October, 2004 and 21st September, 2004, respectively. Regarding amendment to the Working Journalist Act, the M/o Labour and Employment has intimated that there is no such proposal under consideration.